being more than thirty three years, the computation is done taking the same as thirty three years.

Retirement gratuity is calculated @ one fourth of a month's emoluments for each completed six monthly period of qualifying service subject to a maximum of 16½ times the emoluments or Rs. one lakh, whichever is less.

Commutation of a maximu of 1/3rd of the normal monthly pension is allowed to an employee retiring on superannuation by paying in lumpsum 10.46 years equivalent of the amount of commuted portion of pension.

Under the Group Insurance Scheme, the total accumulation of savings with interest thereon lying at the credit of the subscriber at the time of retirement is paid.

The Provident Fund amount standing at the credit of the retiring Railway servant together with interest thereon becomes payable to him at the time of retirement.

In the case of non-pensionable Railway employees Government contribution is paid at the rate equal to the subscriptions paid as compulsory subscriber/optional subscriber under the rules. Subject to other conditons in the rules, the current rate of subscription payable for any month is 10 per cent *i.e.* one-tenth of subscriber's emoluments in the case of SRPF (Contributory) Staff. Special Contribution to PF in the case of non-pensionable Railway employees is paid at the same rate/scale, as for retirement gratuity admissible to temporary/ permanent Railway servants borne on pensionable establishment.

(c) and (d) Railway servants are allowed to retire voluntarily after 20 years of qualifying service with proportionate pension and gratuity with a weightage of upto 5 years towards qualifying service, subject to the condition that the qualifying service rendered by the Railway servant including the weightage does not in any case exceed 33 years and does not take him beyond the normal date of superannuation. In addition to other benefits admissible on superannuation, voluntary retirees are also allowed encashment of leave.

(e) and (f) The details about payment of retirement dues like pension, gratuity etc. become available about 6 months after close of the financial year.

(g) and (h) In addition to the retirement dues mentioned against Parts (a) & (c) above, retiring employees of Railway Board are given a small metallic plaque as a memento in appreciation of their long service.

रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा मदों की खरीद

7876. **मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) रेल मंत्रालय और इसकी अधीनस्थ यूनिटों द्वारा थोक में खरीदी गयी मदों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) इन मदों के क्रय के लिए कौन सी विधि अपनायी जाती है;

(ग) पिछले वर्ष खरीदी गयी मदों के विक्रेतावार ब्यौरा क्या है और खरीदी गयी मदों के आपूर्तिकर्त्ताओं और प्रत्येक मद की कीमत का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) इस वर्ष के दौरान अब तक खरीदी गई मदों का ब्यौरा क्या है और खरीदी गई वस्तुओं का अलग-अलग कुल मूल्य कितना है तथा ये वस्तुएं किन-किन विक्रेताओं से खरीदी गई;

(ङ) क्या इन मदों को पूर्ति और निपटान महानिदेशालय के मूल्य अनुबंध पर स्वीकृत ठेकेदारों/आपूर्तिकर्त्ताओं से ही खरीदा जाता है; और

(च) वाटर फिटिंग्स के बारे में की गयी खरीदों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ): (क) से (च): सूचना इक्ट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।